IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE # ffw fullmatth 5-102

In re application of:

Heinz-Christen LORENZEN et al.

Appl. No. Unassigned

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For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS

> FOR MAKING ROD-LIKE FILLERS FOR SMOKERS'

PRODUCTS

Art Unit: Unassigned

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Customer No.

Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend claim 4 to read as follows:

(Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein said advancing step includes 4. moving lengthwise a stream consisting of long tobacco particles, said admitting step including applying batches of short particles at least substantially centrally of said stream.

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